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Emile Bollaert, High Commissioner for Indochina, has avoided becoming involved 1. in a serious scandal. French customs officials in Saigon recently discovered 185,000 Hong Kong dollars which were apparently being smuggled into Saigon by a young Frenchwoman aboard a plane coming from Hong Kong. The young woman involved was Mile. Bollaert, the daughter of the High Commissioner. The money was seized by the customs officials but M. Pierre Perrier, head of the Surete in Indochina, intervened in the case and declared that the funds involved were secret funds of the Surete. Perrier immediately demanded that the customs officials turn over the funds taken from Mile. Bollaert to the

Surete. The money was handed over to the Surete, and a potential scandal

2. Details of this affair leaked out to representatives of the Bank of Indochina and to certain high officials of the Ministry of Overseas France. Because of his opportune intervention in this affair, M. Perrier is going to be made a "Chevalier" of the Legion of Honor for "exceptional services". Comment. The actual date of this affair is not known. Information was obtained by source on 3 August 1948) 25X1A

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